



FISCAL YEAR 2010 APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST

FINANCIAL SERVICES AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS

TREASURY PROGRAM REQUEST

Community Development Financial Institutions Fund – Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFI) are financial institutions that specialize in providing capital, credit, and financial services to underserved markets. The CDFI Fund has invested in CDFIs in urban and rural markets in all fifty states to produce jobs, quality affordable housing and facilities for vital social services. CDFIs leverage the resources of private sector institutions to bring distressed markets into the economic mainstream. Additionally, the CDFI Fund administers the New Markets Tax Credit Program, a program that provides an incentive to investors in the form of a tax credit, which is expected to stimulate private community and economic development activities. For fiscal year 2010, the Administration has requested \$214 million for the CDFI Fund, doubling the fiscal year 2009 level of \$107 million. I urge the Subcommittee to appropriate the Administration's request.

JUDICIARY REQUESTS

Supreme Court - The Supreme Court is the final arbiter in the Federal court system. The judiciary has requested \$89.308 million for fiscal year 2010, an increase of 1.2 percent over fiscal year 2009. The total request includes \$74.74 million for salaries and expenses and \$14.568 million for care of building and grounds. I urge the Subcommittee to provide this amount.

U.S. Court of Appeals, District Courts, and Other Judicial Services – The judiciary has requested \$5.162 billion for salaries and expenses for the courts within the U.S. Court of Appeals, District Courts and Other Judicial Services account. The amount requested for the courts' salaries and expenses account is an increase of 7.6 percent over fiscal year 2009, to support the hiring of additional court support staff to address the most critical workload needs of the courts, including immigration enforcement and sex offender enforcement. The judiciary's fiscal year 2010 budget requests a modest increase in order to allow the courts to address this workload. Accordingly, it is imperative that the Subcommittee fund the U.S. Court of Appeals, District Courts, and Other Judicial Services account at least at the level of funding requested by the judiciary for fiscal year 2010.

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit – The Federal Circuit has nationwide jurisdiction over a variety of subject matter, including international trade, government contracts, patents, certain claims from the U.S. Government, Federal personnel, and veterans' benefits. Appeals to the court come from all Federal district courts, the U.S. Court of Federal Claims, the U.S. Court of International Trade, and the U.S. Court of Veterans Appeals. The judiciary has requested a 19.6 percent increase over the fiscal year 2009 level to \$36.981 million for fiscal year 2010, and I encourage the Subcommittee to provide this level of support.

Court Security – For fiscal year 2010, the judiciary has requested \$463.642 million for judicial security to ensure the safety of judicial officials, courtroom participants, witnesses, and the public. This level of funding is an 8.1 percent increase over the fiscal year 2009. Specifically, federal funding supports protective guard

services, and the procurement, installation, and maintenance of security systems and equipment for United States courthouses and other facilities housing federal court operations. On January 7, 2008, the President signed into law the Court Security Improvement Act (P.L. 110-177), which further augments court security by providing new resources to improve security for state and local courts. All of these programs are essential in providing for the safety of our Judiciary and I urge the Subcommittee to fully fund the judiciary's request.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT PROGRAM REQUESTS

OFFICE OF NATIONAL DRUG CONTROL POLICY

High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas Program (HIDTA) – For fiscal year 2009, the HIDTA Program was appropriated \$234 million. The HIDTA program has proven highly effective at prosecuting and preventing drug use by promoting cooperation among state, local and federal law enforcement agencies and prevention and treatment organizations. Accordingly, I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding at the highest possible level above the fiscal year 2009 level of \$234 million for fiscal year 2010.

Drug-Free Communities – For fiscal year 2009, the Drug Free Communities program was appropriated \$90 million, which supports over 700 drug-free community coalitions across the United States, including Pennsylvania. The Drug-Free Communities program is vital to enabling citizen and community involvement in anti-drug and youth violence intervention programs. Accordingly, I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding at the highest possible level above the fiscal year 2009 level of \$90 million for fiscal year 2010.

INDEPENDENT AGENCY PROGRAM REQUEST

National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC) – For fiscal year 2009, the NHPRC was appropriated \$11.25 million. Administered within the National Archives and Records Administration, NHPRC provides grants to preserve and publish records that document American history and assists in the publication of the papers of major figures in American history. Accordingly, I urge the Subcommittee to increase the appropriation for the NHPRC in fiscal year 2010 by \$5.4 million to \$16.65 million. Of the amount provided for this funding increase, I request that \$1 million be appropriated to increase the rate of production and publication of those papers projects that satisfy NHPRC as to the efficacy of their proposals, and \$4.4 million be appropriated to establish an Internet website to provide free electronic, public access to the complete annotated papers of the major figures in American history.

SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION PROGRAM REQUESTS

Small Business Development Centers (SBDC) Program – I urge the Subcommittee to fund the SBDC program for fiscal year 2010 at \$135 million, an increase of \$25 million over the fiscal year 2009 level of \$110 million. This program is designed to deliver up-to-date counseling, training and technical assistance in all aspects of small business management to current and prospective small business owners. Requested funding will enable Centers to provide targeted business management assistance services that help prospective entrepreneurs and small businesses expand their sales and payrolls.

Microloan Program – I urge the Subcommittee to provide adequate funding for the Microloan Program for fiscal year 2010, including \$51 million to support lending and \$20 million for technical assistance. The Microloan program was created in 1991 with the mission of providing small business loans and technical assistance through experienced local non-profit intermediaries to start-up and emerging businesses that conventional banks are unable to serve. By providing preferential interest rates to borrow funding, the intermediaries could effectively reach and serve the needs of very small businesses and move them into the

economic mainstream as bankable ventures. The Administration has requested \$25 million for lending for fiscal year 2010.

Women's Business Centers Program (WBC) – I urge the Subcommittee to fund the WBC program for fiscal year 2010 at \$17.1 million, an increase of \$5.1 million over the fiscal year 2009 level of \$12 million. The WBC program represents a national network of more than 100 educational resource centers designed to assist women start and grow small businesses. Additionally, the WBC program operates with the mission to level the playing field for women entrepreneurs, who still face unique obstacles in the world of business.